MALLIKARJUN): (a) In the various operations launched under Operation Rakshak, the Army has been able to achieve tangible results.

(b) Does not arise in view of Part (a) above.

(c) and (d) Due to the vast and difficult nature of the terrain particularly in J&K, it is not possible to hermetically seal the Line of Control or International Border. However, by deploying and redeploying forces, Army has been able to effectively check infiltration / exfiltration of ANEs.

India's Missile Programme

3137. SHRI AHMED MOHMEDBHAI PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian experts have pointed out that India must develop a complete missile system to deter any neighbouring countries who are pursuing aggressive missile programmes for launching misile attacks on India;

(b) if so, whether India is surrounded by China and its arch enemy Pakistan both missile powers;

(c) if so, whether the missile programme have warned these nations that if they continued missile powers, India does not lack behind;

(d) whether the launching of Prithvi has created confidence among the Indian Army and has issued warning to Pakistan; and

(e) if so, whether Government has made it clear that they are continuing the missile development policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Based on the threat perception, Indian defence experts had identified a number of missile systems to be developed in an integrated mode to combat threat from any of the neighbouring countries. These missiles are being developed under the Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme (IGMDP). No defence expert has expressed any specific views recently for further development of missile technology and systems.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) IGMDP envisages development of four state-of-the-art missile systems namely, surface-to-surface missile PRITHVI, short range surface-to-air missile TRISHUL, medium range surface-to-air missile AKASH and third generation anti-tank missile NAG. IGMDP also includes a project for development of reentry technology demonstrator AGNI which has been completed successfully.

(d) Two successful flight tests of 'PRITHVI' carried out on 4th and 6th June, 1994 as part of users trials has created necessary confidence in the Indian Army.

(e) The Government is fully committed to continue with the indigenous missile development programme.

Recovery of charges under Cantonments Act

3138. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether government have framed rules under the Cantonments Act 1924 relating to recovery of charges as per Standard Table of Rent from occupiers, lessees of Old Grant Leases and other classes of B(3) lands, plots and premises in civilian areas of cantonments;

(b) whether rules are there also for transfer of existing lease hold rights from one lessee to another in the event of death of original lessee with or without a will;

(c) whether probate is not required for such transfers;

(d) whether STR is recoverable in such events;

(e) whether terms and conditions are not changed;

(f) whether some cantonments authorities have not been recovering STR, removing unauthorised occupiers of these leases despite losses of Government revenue and properties; and

(g) if so, the fact and details thereof?